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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS REF A IN PROVIDING OUR
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NATO COMMAND, CONTROL AND INFORMATION
SYSTEMS AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING COMMITTEE (NCCDPC)
MEETING OF JAN 18-21. END SUMMARY.

1. REF B INCLUDES (PART A, ITEM VI) DISCUSSION AND RECOMMEN-
DATIONS ON POSSIBLE WAYS TO EFFECT PROPER COORDINATION WITHIN
NATO AND WITH NATIONS. WE EXPECT THAT THIS ITEM WILL INCLUDE
A PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIRMAN (DR. W. LABERGE, ASST SEC GEN
FOR DEF SUPPORT) FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSION. WE BELIEVE THAT
THE CHAIRMAN'S OBJECTIVES ARE TO OBTAIN NATIONAL VIEWS AND
FURNISH NCCDPC GUIDANCE TO ITS REP ON THE MULTI PROJECT
COORDINATION (MPC) STUDY WORKING GROUP.

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2. WE ARE AWARE OF A WIDE RANGE OF PERCEPTIONS AS TO
WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THE MPC STUDY SHOULD BE; SOME OF
THESE PERCEPTIONS ARE NOT RELATED TO THE IMPLIED OBJEC-
TIVE, I.E., IMPROVED MULTI-PROJECT COORDINATION. WE
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO DEVELOP A CLEAR STATE-
MENT OF THE STUDY OBJECTIVE AT THIS MEETING AND, BY SO
DOING, AVOID MISDIRECTED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A SECONDARY
GOAL, E.G., A SIMPLIFIED PROJECT PROCESSING ORGANIZATION.
WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER GOAL, WE ARE AWARE THAT SOME
PARTICIPANTS IN THE MPC STUDY FAVOR A REORGANIZATION

THAT, IN EFFECT, REDUCES ACTIVE PROJECT PARTICIPATION TO
OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, EXCLUDING
TECHNICAL BODIES FROM ALL BUT A SUPERFICIAL ADVISORY ROLE.
WE DO NOT FAVOR SUCH A STRUCTURE NOR DO WE BELIEVE THE
ALLIES WILL ACCEPT IT.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US REP:

A. SEEK, FROM THE CHAIRMAN, A CLEAR STATEMENT OF THE
OBJECTIVES(S) OF THE STUDY.

B. STATE THAT US REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE CONTINUED
PARTICIPATION OF TECHNICALLY ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONS IN
THE NATO SYSTEM ACQUISITION PROCESS. STRAUZ-HUPE

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